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Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges provide quality, affordable, and flexible education and workforce training opportunities to help you have a better job and a better life.

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PELL GRANT INFORMATION

Date Mailed: 06/01/2009

CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Claimant Name:

SSN:

NOTICE

In May 2009, it was announced that individuals filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits will receive special consideration for Pell Grant financial aid to pay for job training or education. If you are receiving UI benefits, you may also be able to continue receiving benefits while enrolled. Studies have shown that workers with more education and training have better job security and earn higher wages.

Federal Pell Grant scholarships covering up to \$5,350 in education and training expenses may be available for individuals meeting eligibility requirements. Pell Grants are accepted at nearly all universities and community colleges, and many trade and technical schools.

The Departments of Education and Labor have created a single web site, www.opportunity.gov, where you can find helpful information and apply for a Pell Grant. An application is also available at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or by calling 1-800-4FEDAID.

In addition, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) has WIN Job Centers located throughout the state that can assist you in finding training and employment opportunities.

You may visit www.mdes.ms.gov for more information on services available from MDES or visit your nearest WIN Job Center at:

If you enroll in school or training, you must contact the MDES Unemployment Insurance Call Center at 1-888-844-3577 and provide detailed information on the training. **We encourage individuals to participate in job training, however you should know that only approved training programs waive the requirement that you must be seeking and available for full-time work to continue receiving weekly unemployment benefits.**

While our economy is struggling, we have an opportunity to improve workers' skills and lay the foundation for a stronger economic future. You are encouraged to seek training and job opportunities. Please contact MDES for more information on this and other workforce development programs available in Mississippi.

